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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicants submit this Statement in response to the Interview Summary dated January 15, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 15, 2004. On January 13, 2004, a telephonic interview was held between Gero G. McClellan, attorney of record, and the Examiner. The parties discussed the cited reference, *Kanno*. Claims 1, 19 and 35 were discussed. Mr. McClellan argued as follows:

Kanno discloses a browser image display bookmark system. A user is permitted to associate an image (as opposed to conventional text) with a bookmark. *Kanno* also appears to suggest updating bookmarks pointing to relocated web pages. The Examiner's rejection implies that *Kanno* teaches some means of recovering links (to other network addresses) embedded in bookmarked pages. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that such a reading misconstrues *Kanno*. *Kanno* does not teach, show or suggest identifying embedded network addresses in information corresponding to a bookmarked address. Nor does *Kanno* teach, show or suggest a way to recover such embedded network addresses should a bookmarked address change without a

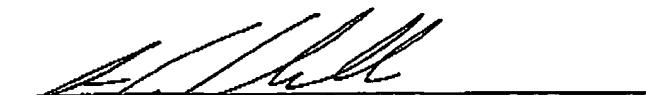
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forwarding address. Regarding the rejection of claim 27, for example, the Examiner cites col. 19, line 65 through col. 20, line 25 and col. 21, lines 16-65. While Applicants agree with the Examiner's characterization of the cited portion in so far as updating bookmarks is concerned, nowhere is there a teaching of identifying and/or recovering network addresses embedded in a bookmarked page which cannot be retrieved. In fact, *Kanno* only describes situations in which a forwarding address is provided. Where the bookmarked page cannot be recovered, *Kanno* displays an error message. (Col. 19, line 65 through col. 20, line 3.) In contrast, it is in this situation that the present claims provides the user access to the embedded addresses of the irretrievable network address. Applicants have reviewed each passage cited by the Examiner in this regard and have identified no teaching, showing or suggestion of identifying, storing and/or recovering (or any other handling of) network addresses embedded in a bookmarked page which cannot be retrieved. Therefore, the claims are believed to be allowable and allowance of the same is requested.

No agreement could be reached at the time of the interview, but the Examiner agreed to consider arguments presented by Mr. McClellan. Applicants maintain their position of patentability with regard to all other pending claims, and reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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